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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of GERALD A. GUTER and BYUNG-UK BAE for BIO DEGRADATION OF OXYANIONS SUCH AS PERCHLORATE ON ION EXCHANGE RESINS.

- [] Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 USC 112 (b) and 37 CFR 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- [X] Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 2 for inclusion on the front page of the present application publication and patent.
- [] Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: _____.

Also enclosed are:

- [X] 4 sheet(s) of drawings;
- [] a claim for foreign priority under 35 USC 119 and/or 365 is [] hereby made to _____ filed in _____ on _____;
- [] in the declaration;
- [] a certified copy of the priority document;
- [] a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
- [] an Assignment document;
- [] an Information Disclosure Statement;

- ☐ an ☐ executed ☐ unexecuted declaration of inventors;
- ☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed
- ☐ The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☐ in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00
Total Claims	35	MINUS 20=	15	x \$18.00	\$270.00
Independent Claims	8	MINUS 3 =	5	x \$86.00	\$430.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00					
Total Application Fee					\$1,470.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					(\$735.00)
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 if Assignment document is enclosed.					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$735.00

- ☒ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

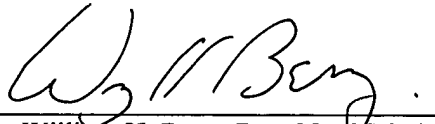
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